

III. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently Amended) Packaging (1) made from a thermally and/or mechanically deformable plastics film with two half-shells adapted to (2, 3), which may be joined together, preferably reclosably, in a plane (4) and so form a hollow article (10) and in which the plane (4) is inclined relative to the horizontal and, in the area of the hollow article (10), extends substantially along the diagonal of the hollow article, wherein said hollow article characterised in that it comprises a closure including (6), which takes the form of a projection (31) with a recess (30) complementary thereto, wherein the recess comprises a hole, said projection comprising an embossed cross and said elongate hole having a peripheral zone and slits in the peripheral zone.

2. (Currently Amended) Packaging according to claim 1, characterised in that it comprises further comprising at least one hinge disposed between the first and the second half-shells (2, 3) at least one hinge (5), wherein with which the packaging is adapted to (1) may be opened and closed.

3.-4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein each of characterised in that the half-shells (2, 3) comprise stiffening ribs (11).

6. (Withdrawn) A process for producing the packaging for foodstuffs from a thermally and/or mechanically deformable plastics film with two half-shells (2, 3), which may be joined together, preferably reclosably, in a heat-sealing plane (4), wherein the heat-sealing plane (4) is inclined relative to the package bottom (18), characterised in

that, during thermoforming, heat-sealing and/or cutting of the packaging, the package bottom (18) is inclined relative to the machine plane.

7. (Withdrawn) A production process according to claim 6, characterised in that the half-shells (2, 3) are respectively thermoformed from a lower film (13) and an upper film (14).

8. (Withdrawn) A process according to claim 7, characterised in that the upper film (14) and the lower film (13) are brought together in the heat-sealing plane (4) and are held together with holding down means (15) before heat-sealing.

9. (Withdrawn) A process for filling with a foodstuff (9) packaging made from a thermally and/or mechanically deformable plastics film with two half-shells (2, 3), which may be joined together, preferably reclosably, in a heat-sealing plane (4), wherein the heat-sealing plane (4) is inclined relative to the package bottom (18), characterised in that, during filling of the packaging, the package bottom is arranged in inclined manner relative to the machine plane.

10. (Withdrawn) A process according to claim 9, characterised in that, during the filling operation, the product (9) is guided against at least parts of the wall (16) of a half-shell (3) and/or optionally aligned therewith.

11. (Withdrawn) A process according to claim 10, characterised in that, during filling, the product slides along at least parts of the wall (16) of a half-shell (3) and is so guided and optionally aligned.

12. (Withdrawn) A process according to claim 10, characterised in that, during filling, the product is pressed at least against parts of the wall (16) of a half-shell (3) and is so guided and optionally aligned.

13. (Withdrawn) A process according to claim 9, characterised in that, after filling, the product is pressed with means 21 against at least parts of the wall (16) of a half-shell (3) and is so aligned.

14. (Withdrawn) A process according to claim 9, characterised in that, before filling, the product (9) is gauged with means (17).

15. (Withdrawn) A process according to claim 14, characterised in that, after gauging, the product (9) is pressed with a plunger (18) in the half-shell (3).

16. (New) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein said film is thermally deformable.

17. (New) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein said film is mechanically deformable.

18. (New) Packaging according to claim 17, wherein said film is also thermally deformable.

19. (New) Packaging according to claim 1, wherein said half shells are adapted to be reclosably joined together